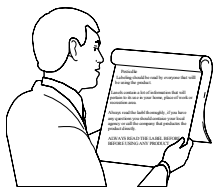


Caution:



Always read the label **before** using any pesticides!

Pesticides are highly regulated substances and care should always be taken to use and store these items safely and responsibly.

By their nature, many pesticides can pose some risk to humans, animals, or the environment because they are designed to kill or otherwise adversely affect living organisms.

At the same time, pesticides are often useful because of their ability to control disease-causing organisms, insects, weeds, or other pests.

The pesticide label is your guide to using pesticides safely and effectively. It contains pertinent information that you should read and understand before you use a pesticide product.



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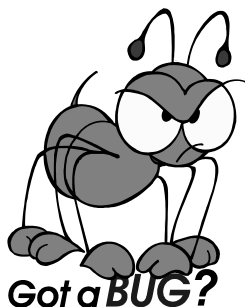


What is a Pesticide?

A frequent question posed to the Division of Pesticide Control is “What products are actually considered to be pesticides?” A pesticide by definition is: “*any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.*” Often pesticides are misinterpreted as being only *insecticides* (bug killers) when they are actually much more common and include such things as herbicides, fungicides, and even products that kill microorganisms like bacteria and viruses. Pesticides are found throughout the retail stores with “weed and feed” lawn maintenance products being one popular example.

Other common household pesticides include:

- Cockroach sprays and baits;
- Insect repellents;
- Rat and other rodent poisons;
- Flea and tick sprays, powders, and pet collars;
- Kitchen, laundry, and bath disinfectants and sanitizers;
- Products that kill mold and mildew; and
- Spa and swimming pool chemicals.



For More Information...

The National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) provides objective, science-based information about a variety of pesticide-related subjects, including pesticide products, recognition and management of pesticide poisonings, toxicology, and environmental chemistry. NPIC also lists state pesticide regulatory agencies, and provides links to their Websites. NPIC can be contacted at: 1-800-858-7378 or by email at npic@ace.orst.edu. For more information, read the NPIC Factsheet at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/npic.htm>.

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If you have questions about pesticide regulations including private or commercial licensing and recertification, groundwater protection, the Integrated Pest Management Grant program or agricultural worker protection, contact the Division of Pesticide Control at (603) 271-3550 or on the web at http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/pesticide_control/index.htm.

The Family, Home & Garden Education Center at UNH Cooperative Extension in Manchester provides practical solutions to everyday questions for the citizens of New Hampshire. It is staffed by professionals and intensively trained volunteers who are available to answer your questions about gardens, lawns and landscapes, fruits and vegetables, pest problems, household food safety and food preservation, tree planting and care, backyard livestock and more.

The center is staffed 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Wednesday evenings 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Toll free number: 1-877-EXT-GROW** (1-877-398-4769)



Additional Information Sources

- The Federal EPA’s Office of Pesticide Programs website acts as a portal containing information and resources plus links to many pesticide related sites. <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>
- National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP) is a central repository for all EPA documents with over 5500 titles in paper and/or electronic format, available for distribution. at: <http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/>
- OPP's Freedom of Information Act site at: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/foia/> provides information on FOIA and

